

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff

v.

Case No. 24-30408  
Originating No. 2:24-CR-41

**ERIC CORNELL SMITH, JR.**  
**aka Eric Laprairie,**

Defendant.

**GOVERNMENT'S PETITION**  
**FOR TRANSFER OF DEFENDANT TO**  
**ANOTHER DISTRICT AND SUPPORTING BRIEF**

Pursuant to Rule 5(c)(3)(D) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the United States of America hereby petitions the Court for an order transferring defendant **ERIC CORNELL SMITH, JR.**, to answer to charges pending in another federal district, and states:

1. On **September 23, 2024,** defendant was arrested in the Eastern District Michigan in connection with a federal arrest warrant issued in the **Eastern District of Tennessee based on a Superseding Indictment. Defendant is charged in that district with violation of 21 U.S.C. §846 and 21 U.S.C §841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A))- Conspiracy to Distribute 50 grams or more of Methamphetamine, Aided and abetted Possession with Intent to Distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, a Schedule II Controlled Substance.**

2. Rule 5 requires this Court to determine whether defendant is the person named in the arrest warrant and is entitled to a preliminary examination as described in Paragraph One above. See Fed. R. Crim. P. 5(c)(3)(D)(ii).

WHEREFORE, the government requests this Court to conduct transfer proceedings in accordance with Rule 5 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Respectfully submitted,

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